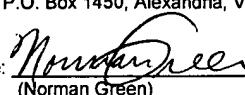


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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 16, 2004, for which a response was due on November 16, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 16, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.